

## Chinese Herb Found Effective in Controlling Liver Cancer



The traditional Chinese herb *Ganoderma lucidum* is proving effective in limiting the growth of liver cancer.

A research team headed by Yang Xinlin, a biologist from the Beijing University of Science and Engineering, announced its finding at the 2002 International Symposium on Frontiers of Tumor Prevention and Therapy held in Jinan, capital city of east China's Shandong Province.

Scientists have isolated an acid in *Ganoderma lucidum* and found the component is able to "remarkably" restrain liver cancer cells from growing.

The control rate of the acid from *Ganoderma lucidum* on liver cancer reached 74.9%, says Xu Jianlan, a leading member of the research team.

Scientists treated laboratory mice with liver cancer with the component called *Ganoderma lucidum* acid, and found it was less poisonous and had fewer side effects than ordinary chemical cancer treatments.

The ancient Chinese regarded *Ganoderma lucidum* as an herb that grows in heaven. In Traditional Chinese Medicine, a valuable tonic is made from it.

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